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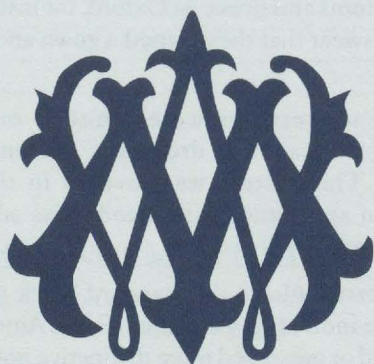


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ACADEMIC CUSTOMS AND DRESS

The origins of many customs of the academic world are to be traced to the Middle Ages, particularly the eleventh and twelfth centuries when the first European universities – Bologna, Paris, and Oxford – were founded.

In their original organization, the universities were like medieval corporations or guilds. In fact the word “universitas” originally referred to any kind of corporation. The students at the universities were equated to guild apprentices, and so the completion of the apprenticeship was celebrated by a “commencement” marking the beginning of their careers.

In the twelfth century, everyone wore gowns. The social and economic status of an individual was shown by the extra features, such as fur trimming, on the gowns. Cloaks with hoods were worn over gowns for protection in bad weather. Degrees began to be awarded in the thirteenth century, and different styles of gowns and different colors came to represent the various degrees and disciplines.

Over the centuries the styles of dress changed, and by the seventeenth century, the wearing of gowns by men had virtually ceased. But the universities, particularly those in Britain, continued to be conservative and strict in the manner of academic customs and dress. At Oxford, for instance, candidates for master’s degrees had to swear that they owned a gown and would always wear it at the proper times.

The first American universities were founded on English models. However, the wearing of academic dress was not universal and ceased during the Civil War. The custom was revived in the late nineteenth century, and in 1895 an academic custom code was adopted which, with modifications, is still used.

Most American universities have the standard black gown with the hood serving to distinguish the individual institution. Some American and European universities have adopted or preserved more distinctive gowns. There are three styles of gowns, distinguished mainly by the sleeves; the bachelor’s gown, with long, pointed sleeves; the master’s, with a squared sleeve, cut so the forearm is free; the doctor’s, with bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bands.

The hood is the really distinguishing feature of modern gowns, indicating the degree (the width of the edging band), the discipline (the color of the band) and the college or university (the colors of the lining). Today’s graduates have hoods edged in drab (B.P.S., M.B.A.) or light blue (M.Ed.). Many faculty members will have blue edging indicating the Ph.D. degree. The faculty will be wearing hoods representing many distinguished institutions of higher education, e.g., orange and maroon for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, orange and white for the University of Tennessee, red and black for Rutgers University, and navy blue and orange for the University of Virginia.

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COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Marshal of the Faculty
Rosemary Barra

Student Marshals for the Faculty
Marilyn A. Dufrat
Sheronda Y. Dorsey

Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Degrees
Raul Chavez
Jo Tyler

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

President William M. Anderson, Jr., Presiding
Thursday Evening, Half past Six O'Clock
Dodd Auditorium

PRELUDE — Baroque Selections

<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	Jeremiah Clarke
<i>Concert grosso in D, RV 562a</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
<i>I. Allegro and III. Allegro</i>	
<i>Arrival of the Queen of Sheba</i>	George Frideric Handel
<i>from "Solomon"</i>	
<i>Rondeau</i>	Henry Purcell
<i>from "Abdelazer or the Moor's Revenge"</i>	
<i>Sinfonia con tromba in D Major</i>	Giuseppe Torelli
<i>I. Allegro, II. Adagio, and IV. Allegro</i>	
<i>Trumpet Overture</i>	Henry Purcell
<i>from "The Indian Queen"</i>	
<i>Tambourin</i>	Jean-Philippe Rameau
<i>from "Dardanus Suite"</i>	

PROCESSIONAL

<i>Procession of the Nobles</i>	Eagle Pipe Band
<i>Pomp and Circumstance Marches, Op. 39</i>	Sir Edward Elgar

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Degrees
The Elected Representatives and the Candidates for Degrees
The Marshal of the Faculty
The Student Marshals for the Faculty
The Members of the Faculty and the Administration
The Eagle Pipe Band
The President of the Alumni Association
The Visitors of the College
The Rector of the Board of Visitors
The Commencement Speaker
The Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies
and Dean of the James Monroe Center Faculty
The President of the College

INVOCATION	Sheronda Y. Dorsey
The Vice President of the James Monroe Center Honor Council	

NATIONAL ANTHEM Led by Patricia A. Tyler

WELCOME Dori G. Eglevsky
The Rector of the Board of Visitors

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACADEMIC HONORS Meta R. Braymer
Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies
and Dean of the JMC Faculty

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS The Dean

Student

James Monroe Center Student Awards

Faculty

James Monroe Center Faculty Award

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS William H. Leighty
Governor's Chief of Staff

SPECIAL AWARD The Rector

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees The Dean

Conferring of the Degrees William M. Anderson, Jr.
The President of the College

Awarding of the Diplomas

SALUTATION Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud, '70
The President of the Alumni Association

GOD BLESS AMERICA..... Led by Patricia A. Tyler

RECESSIONAL

Second Suite in F, Op. 28, No. 2 Gustav Holst
I. March

Guests are requested to remain in their places
until the graduates have departed.

No flash photography is permitted during the graduation ceremony.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

Academic achievement is recognized at Commencement through a variety of honors and awards.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

The college recognizes the academic achievement of graduating students through the awards of Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction, and With Distinction. Students who have earned at least 60 graded credits in residence may qualify for the first three of these awards with the following grade point averages.

Summa Cum Laude	3.75 or higher
Magna Cum Laude	3.50-3.74
Cum Laude	3.25-3.49

With Highest Distinction and With Distinction are awarded to graduating seniors who have earned 30 to 59 graded credits in residence with the following grade point averages.

With Highest Distinction	3.75 or higher
With Distinction	3.30-3.74

ACADEMIC HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Bachelor of Professional Studies

James M. DeGrandis Jr.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Monica B. Warne

CUM LAUDE

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Christopher Michael Snellings

Pamela K. Viera

HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Kenneth W. Brown

Judith M. Campbell

Purcell Emery Clark, Jr.

Pamela Haskett Denton

Marilyn A. Dufrat

Maria Elena Hall

Alisa Joy Byrd Kennedy

Robert E. Kidd III

Norberto Santiago

Roxanne M. Shircliff

Rhoda E. Walker-Derricotte

Robert J. Wenier

Christa Eley Whaling

DISTINCTION

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Jan Patching Barchuk

Michael A. Carlson

Brenda Lee Cordero

Gene Richard Damoth

Keywauna Lizette Hall

Shirley James Harris

Gary E. Hummer

Heather Brooks Jones

Michael J. Moore

Lamarr Peppers

M. Douglas Simpson

Jeffrey Allan Sisk

Christopher Michael Torres

Hector Velez, Jr.

Kellie Ann Wager

Mark L. Walters

Mercedes M. Wenier

Steven Bradley Wheeler

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

Established in 1994 to recognize outstanding academic achievement among first- and second- year college students, the Society encourages members to develop leadership skills through community service while maintaining high academic standing. Required for admission is a 3.4 average in 12 to 59 hours of graded undergraduate work.

Bachelor of Professional Studies

Roxanne M. Shircliff

Kellie Ann Wager

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

Master's Degree Graduates

The criteria for nomination to "Who's Who" set by the administrative committee of the graduate program is a minimum GPA of 3.8 with no more than one B grade and no C grades, and the completion of at least 21 hours of academic study.

Master of Business Administration

Jill Anne Bender

Carole I. Ellison

Michael D. Ferritto

Garnett Dale Galyen

Elizabeth B. Garnett

Todd W. Jordan

David Matthew Porfiris

Jennifer Leigh Smith

Tanya E. Smoot

Alicia Lacey Turner

Master of Education

Wendy S. Aber

Barbara Dodt Brown

Lauren A. Brundage

Audrey Nicole Carter

Victoria K. Dunlap

Maureen Claire Dunleavy

Alexa N. Feeney

Michele M. Ferguson

Roxanne Dixon Fields

Emily Lynne Firkin

Jill L. Foster

Debra A. Hannon

Mary E. Jackson

Joyce Bennett Leatherwood

Emily C. Meriwether

Melissa A. Miller

Dorri M. Mills

Connie Von Salzen Orgeron

Toni Catherine Peyton

Jennifer H. Phoebus

Barbara Jane Pierce

William R. Reighard

Kimberly Diane Riddle

Kathleen Jackson Rodriguez

Julia Leigh Schwarz

Linda Susan Dombrowski Simms

Jessica A. Skeens

Cheryl Ann Smith

Peggy Sue France Taft

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

WILLIAM H. LEIGHTY, GOVERNOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF

A member of the class of 1978, Mr. Leighty is the former director of the Virginia Retirement System and currently holds the position of chief of staff to Governor Mark Warner, with responsibility for carrying out plans and initiatives of the Warner Administration. In the position, Mr. Leighty serves as the deputy planning and budget officer, deputy personnel officer, chief liaison officer with members of the General Assembly of Virginia, and manager of the Governor's office. Mr. Leighty entered state service as a research economist at the Virginia Department of Taxation in 1978. Afterwards, he served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation, where he was a policy adviser to Gov. Gerald L. Baliles on transportation-related issues and oversaw operation of seven state agencies with more than 14,000 employees. Next, he was Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, an agency that serves more than 35,000 customers per day. In the position, he was responsible for the oversight of transportation safety, administration and finance functions. As the director of the Virginia Retirement System, Mr. Leighty was responsible for all administrative aspects of the \$30 billion state pension fund, the 29th largest public or private fund in the United States.

His recent appointments include being named guest director of the Virginia Executive Institute, which provides strategic leadership training to the state's senior executives; being elected vice chair of the Public Retirement Institute; and being appointed to the Commonwealth Performance Management Advisory Committee. In 2002, Mr. Leighty received the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award from the organization Advancing Government Accountability. He also is the recipient of a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Mary Washington College.

In addition to being a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Mary Washington College with a bachelor's degree in economics, Mr. Leighty holds a master of business administration degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has completed post-graduate work at The Wharton School, Duke University and the Virginia Executive Institute. He is married to Marti Kearns Leighty, a 1975 graduate of Mary Washington College.

EAGLE PIPE BAND

Performing at this evening's commencement ceremony is the Eagle Pipe Band. The band was formed in 1997 with a small combination of Mary Washington College students and members of the Fredericksburg community. It has grown steadily each year, adding pipers, drummers, and dancers.

Of special interest, and great pride, the Eagle Pipe Band was founded by, and is under the direction of, Dr. Raymond B. Scott, Professor of Chemistry at Mary Washington College. Performers at this evening's ceremony include students at Mary Washington College as well as members of the greater Fredericksburg community. The tartan worn by the performers was designed by the College to match the school colors, and is registered in Scotland's official registry of tartans.

MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

+	Jeffrey J. Bell	Wyndmere, North Dakota	
	Jill Anne Bender	South Huntington, New York	
+	Jeremy P. Bolich	Lewisburg, Pennsylvania	
	Scott Dawsan Burns	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
*	Stacey S. Craig	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
	Debra E. Davati	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
	Nathan T. Delane	Colonial Beach, Virginia	
	Carole I. Ellison	Stafford, Virginia	
*	Erika Lyn Eney	King George, Virginia	
	Lynn Livezey Feist	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
*	Michael D. Ferritto	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
*	Nancy Page Fowler.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
+	Garnett Dale Galyen	King George, Virginia	
	Gay Campbell Galyen	King George, Virginia	
*	Elizabeth B. Garnett	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
	Rick Grancorvitz	Marshfield, Wisconsin	
*	+	Thomas Michael Guinn	Stafford, Virginia
	Jeffrey R. Howlett.....	Stafford, Virginia	
	Tenika Cecelia Hughes	Falmouth, Virginia	
	Suzanne M Jefferson	Montross, Virginia	
	Kimberly Lynne Jones.....	Arlington, Virginia	
*	Todd W. Jordan	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
*	Matthew Leger	Franklin, Louisiana	
*	Monica H. Lewis	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
	Glorivee Mateo	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
+	Robert G. Moulton	Woodbridge, Virginia	
	Robert Michael Naglic	Richmond, Virginia	
	Steven E. Neville I	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
	Ba Van Nguyen	Woodbridge, Virginia	
	Kristofer E. Parker	King George, Virginia	
*	Evelyn D. Peyton	Fredericksburg, Virginia	
*	David Matthew Porfiris	Woodbridge, Virginia	
*	+	Keri J. Purtell	Pearl River, New York

* Degree Requirements Completed Prior to May 2004

+Degree Awarded in Absentia

+ Bryan Edward Rogers	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Alexander Philip Sapountzis	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jennifer Leigh Smith	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Tanya E. Smoot	Stafford, Virginia
Alicia Lacey Turner	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kevin Dale Williams	Spotsylvania, Virginia

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Wendy S. Aber	Rixeyville, Virginia
* Barbara Dodt Brown	Sparta, New Jersey
Lauren A. Brundage	Montclair, Virginia
* Kathleen A. Bushman	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Eric Mason Carbaugh	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Audrey Nicole Carter	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Forrest E. Clift	Stafford, Virginia
* Margery L. Connolly	Stafford, Virginia
Hashim Obá Davis	Brooklyn, New York
* Bonny Spence Dieterich	Warren, Pennsylvania
Victoria K Dunlap	Fredericksburg, Virginia
+ Maureen Claire Dunleavy	Manassas, Virginia
Alexa N. Feeney	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michele M. Ferguson	Dale City, Virginia
* + Roxanne Dixon Fields	Berryville, Virginia
+ Emily Lynne Firkin	Hartwood, Virginia
+ Jill L. Foster	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Wendy S. Grimshaw	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Debra A. Hannon	Spotsylvania, Virginia
* Angela Smith Hugger	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Mary E. Jackson	Bristow, Virginia
* Amy Bayne Jenerette	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Kerri Lee Jones	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Joyce Bennett Leatherwood	Stafford, Virginia
Andrea Michele Lozinak	Woodbridge, Virginia
Scott Michael Malloy	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jennifer Lynn Manfre	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Esmeralda Medina	Colonial Beach, Virginia
Emily C. Meriwether	Fredericksburg, Virginia
+ Melissa A. Miller	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Dorri M. Mills	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Connie Von Salzen Orgeron	Stafford, Virginia
* Christy Vesolich Parthenakis	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* Dru Perdue	Spotsylvania, Virginia
+ Toni Catherine Peyton	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jennifer H. Phoebus	Fredericksburg, Virginia

	Barbara Jane Pierce	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	William R. Reighard	Spotsylvania, Virginia
* +	Lisa Renard	South Lyon, Michigan
	Kimberly Diane Riddle	Spotsylvania, Virginia
	Timothy Bertram Roberts	Oakton, Virginia
	Kathleen Jackson Rodriguez	Fredericksburg, Virginia
* +	Sarah Elizabeth Rothell	Fredericksburg, Virginia
*	Rosaura Davis Sanders	Colon, Panama
	Julia Leigh Schwarz	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Linda Susan Dombrowski Simms	Falmouth, Virginia
	Jessica A. Skeens	Spotsylvania, Virginia
	Cheryl Ann Smith	Woodbridge, Virginia
*	Charissa Ann Sobieszczyk	York, Pennsylvania
*	Peggy Sue France Taft	Fredericksburg, Virginia
*	Heather Books Wilson	Fredericksburg, Virginia
*	Heather René Wright	Stafford, Virginia

BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

	Dawn Marie Anderson	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Jan Patching Barchuk	Lexington, Virginia
	Gene C. Brown	Goldvein, Virginia
	Kenneth W. Brown	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Judith M. Campbell	Stafford, Virginia
	Susan Emily Cantrell	Fredericksburg, Virginia
+	Michael A. Carlson	Stafford, Virginia
*	Andrea Carver	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Purcell Emery Clark, Jr.	Ruther Glen, Virginia
	Brenda Lee Cordero	King George, Virginia
	Gene Richard Damoth	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	James M. DeGrandis Jr.	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Maria Nanci Denmark	Stephens City, Virginia
*	Pamela Haskett Denton	Stafford, Virginia
	Marilyn A. Dufrat	Locust Grove, Virginia
	Heather L. Griffith	Fredericksburg, Virginia
*	Jamie Rachael Hall	Colonial Beach, Virginia
	Keywauna Lizette Hall	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Maria Elena Hall	Stafford, Virginia
	Shirley James Harris	Stafford, Virginia
	Gary E. Hummer	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Maggie Page Irby	Virginia Beach, Virginia
	Heather Brooks Jones	Mineral, Virginia
	Alisa Joy Byrd Kennedy	Stafford, Virginia
	Robert E. Kidd III	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Michael J. Moore	Montclair, Virginia

	Kristy Leigh Morgan	Spotsylvania, Virginia
*	Isaac Prasannakumar Motamarry	Dallas, Texas
+	Sherman Patrick, Jr.	Lake Ridge, Virginia
	Lamarr Peppers	Stafford, Virginia
* +	Norberto Santiago	Newark, New Jersey
	Roxanne M. Shircliff	Spotsylvania, Virginia
	Stefanie Lynn Siemon	Stafford, Virginia
	M. Douglas Simpson	King George, Virginia
	Jeffrey Allan Sisk	Spotsylvania, Virginia
	Christopher Michael Snellings	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Christopher Michael Torres	Fort Meade, Florida
*	Hector Velez, Jr.	Fredericksburg, Virginia
*	Pamela K. Viera	Staunton, Virginia
*	Kellie Ann Wager	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Rhoda E. Walker-Derricotte	Stafford, Virginia
	Mark L Walters	Ruther Glen, Virginia
	Monica B. Warne	Maywood, New Jersey
	Mercedes M. Wenier	San Diego, California
	Robert J. Wenier	Fredericksburg, Virginia
	Christa Eley Whaling	Spotsylvania, Virginia
	Steven Bradley Wheeler	Dale City, Virginia

HEAD USHER
Sheronda Y. Dorsey

USHERS
Eleanor Bader
Gary Best
Juan Boquet
Sherri Braxton
Lauren Dufrat
Nila Fridly
Angela Gardner
Eric Grossman
Joseph Harding
Mickey Kwiatkowski
John Roberts

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her,
And guide her,
Through the night
With a light
From above.

From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the oceans
White with foam.
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

—Irving Berlin

